

Extract from a letter from Lewis Erwin.

The written history of our branch of the Erwin family begins with David Erwin. The tradition is that two brothers named Erwin immigrated from the North of Ireland about the year 1740, some say 1730. Both may be right, for some time ago I clipped an article from a N. Jersey newspaper giving a history of Cornelius Board who settled in N. J. in 1730 and manufactured the first cut nails made in the state.

My Aunt Betsy Erwin Seely told me that my father Cornelius Erwin got his name from Cornelius Board who was our cousin to his father David Erwin. So you see on a time a man named Board married an Erwin woman and settled in America before 1740.

David Erwin was born in Newark N. J. May 18, 1758. Married Catherine Munson of the same city March 22, 1780.

Catherine Munson was born Dec. 11, 1761. They had ten children, Polly, Walter, Moses, Alexander, born alias (cousin Lewis' father) Matilda, Sarah, Betsy, P. Neden Allen (Grandpa's father) and Nancy.

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the rest in Fair Haven, Rutland Co. Vt., where
Grandfather moved in 1785.

In 1803 or 4 Grandfather moved to Franklin Co.
New York, where most of his children married and
raised families and from there scattered far and
wide mostly in the western states.

David Erwin and three of his sons partici-
pated in the battle of Plattsburg in the war
of 1812 under circumstances I may relate hereafter

Lewis D. Erwin

from another letter from Cousin Lewis.

Your Grandfather is the son of Pruden Allen
Erwin, the son of David Erwin who served in
Captain Hitchel's company of New Jersey troops in
Revolutionary War of 1776. His name also appears
on a record of the proceedings of a commission which
met May 7, 1778 to classify different companies.

He was with Washington when he recrossed the
Delaware River and captured Trenton, on
Christmas night 1776.

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